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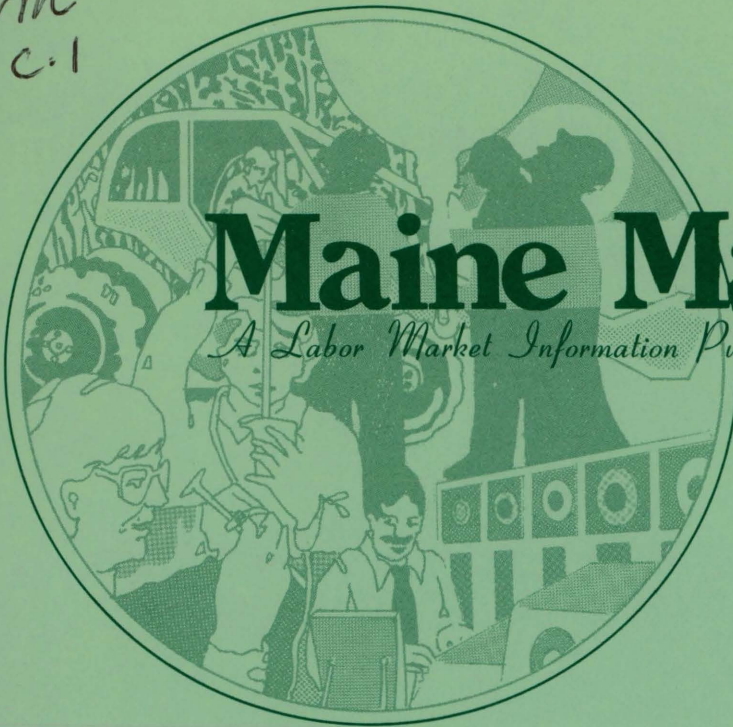
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**BUREAU OF
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Manpower Research Division

WHO ARE THE UNEMPLOYED?

OF THE 42,700 MAINE RESIDENTS UNEMPLOYED IN MARCH 1981, 17,300 WERE RECEIVING BENEFITS FOR A FULL WEEK OF UNEMPLOYMENT UNDER THE REGULAR STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM. DURING MARCH THE TYPICAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE RECIPIENT WAS MALE, A PRINCIPAL WAGE EARNER, A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, AND WAS EXPERIENCING A TEMPORARY LAYOFF FROM A CONSTRUCTION OR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

MALES COMPRISED 70.6 PERCENT OF THE CLAIMANTS RECEIVING BENEFITS. THIS HIGH PERCENTAGE OF MALES WAS LARGELY THE RESULT OF SEASONAL LAYOFFS IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES WHERE MALES MAKE UP A LARGE MAJORITY OF THE WORK FORCE.

PRINCIPAL WAGE EARNERS ACCOUNTED FOR 56.7 PERCENT OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED, 22.7 PERCENT WERE SECONDARY WAGE EARNERS, AND 20.6 PERCENT LIVED ALONE. STATISTICS DETAILING EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT INDICATE THAT 3 PERCENT HAD LESS THAN EIGHT YEARS OF EDUCATION, 28.2 PERCENT ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL BUT DID NOT GRADUATE, 53.9 PERCENT WERE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, AND 14.9 PERCENT HAD ATTENDED SCHOOL BEYOND THE SECONDARY LEVEL.

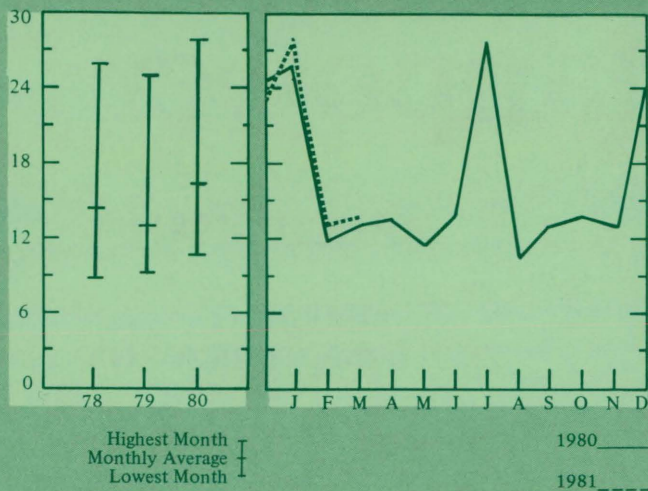
APPROXIMATELY 82.2 PERCENT OF THE CLAIMANTS WERE TEMPORARILY LAID OFF FROM THEIR PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT. PERMANENT LAYOFFS ACCOUNTED FOR 11.8 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL, 5.6 PERCENT HAD LEFT THEIR PREVIOUS JOB VOLUNTARILY, AND 0.4 PERCENT WERE UNEMPLOYED AS THE RESULT OF A LABOR DISPUTE.

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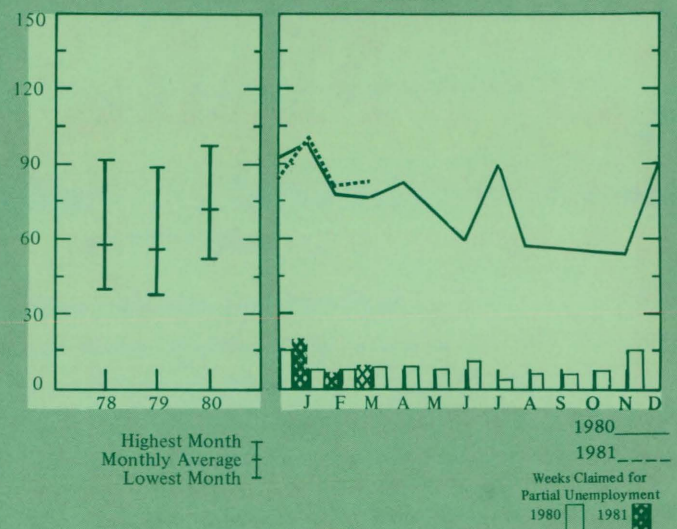
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A BUREAU OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER AFFAIRS

UI Initial Claims in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands



Labor Turnover Rates in Maine Manufacturing Industries Per 100 Employees

INDUSTRY TITLE	ACCESSION RATES									SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Recalls			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980
Manufacturing	3.5	3.9	4.3	2.1	2.3	3.0	1.1	1.4	1.1	3.5	4.2	4.3	1.3	1.4	1.9	1.5	2.1	1.6
Durable Goods	3.4	3.0	3.2	2.1	1.8	2.5	1.0	0.9	0.5	3.0	4.0	4.8	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.3	2.0	2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	4.4	5.1	4.3	3.1	3.3	3.0	0.9	1.2	1.2	6.0	5.6	8.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	3.4	2.9	6.0
Metals and Machinery	2.1	1.8	2.8	1.5	1.3	2.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	1.7	3.1	3.2	0.9	1.0	1.7	0.2	1.3	0.7
Other Durable Goods	4.1	2.3	3.0	1.7	0.7	2.6	2.1	1.5	0.3	1.2	3.2	2.0	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.4	2.1	0.4
Nondurable Goods	3.5	4.4	4.8	2.1	2.6	3.2	1.2	1.6	1.4	3.7	4.5	4.1	1.4	1.6	2.2	1.6	2.2	1.0
Food and Kindred Products	6.7	6.1	8.1	3.2	3.4	3.8	3.5	2.7	4.2	5.0	8.0	5.4	1.4	1.6	2.0	2.9	5.8	2.4
Textile Mill Products	6.3	5.8	5.5	4.5	3.5	3.6	1.2	1.9	1.7	4.6	4.5	5.5	1.9	2.2	3.5	1.6	1.6	1.1
Apparel	2.0	2.1	4.8	1.4	1.8	3.8	0.6	0.3	1.0	3.3	3.1	3.7	1.7	1.6	3.3	1.1	0.9	0.0
Paper and Allied Products	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.8	2.1	1.7	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.1	0.5
Leather and Leather Products	3.9	7.1	6.7	2.3	4.0	5.1	1.5	3.0	1.3	4.7	5.7	4.9	2.2	2.5	3.0	1.8	2.3	1.0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.7	3.2	4.2	2.1	2.2	3.3	0.6	0.8	0.9	3.6	3.5	3.9	1.4	1.7	1.9	1.4	1.3	1.2

Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	201.9	198.8	196.4
Unemployed	15.6	15.3	14.3
(Percent)	7.7	7.7	7.3
Resident Employed	186.3	183.5	182.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0



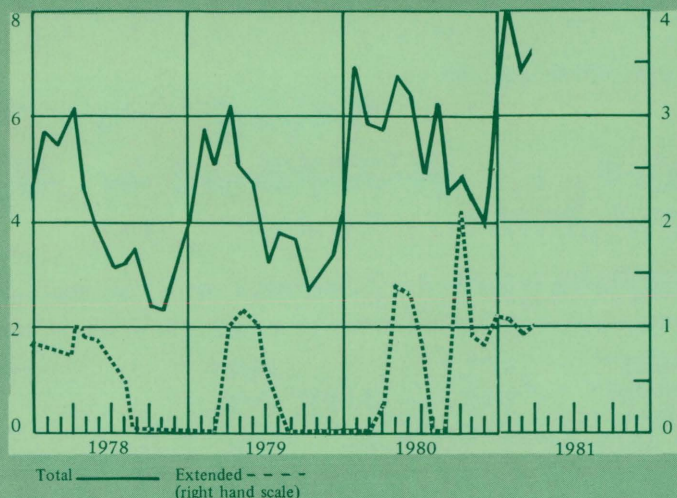
Selected Employment Security Activities



UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

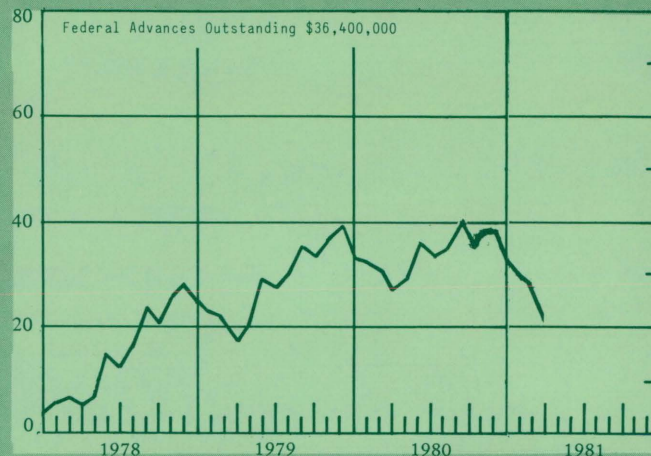
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation

Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



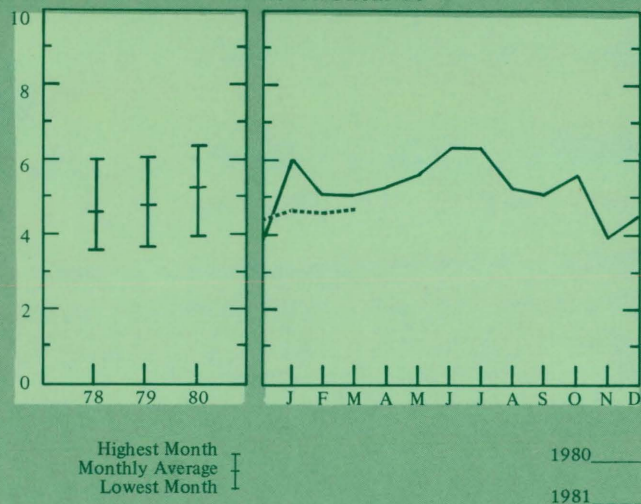
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary ^{1/}	408.7	409.1	406.2	92.3	91.8	89.1	34.6	34.6	34.5
Total Manufacturing	112.1	113.0	113.2	18.5	18.6	18.6	11.5	11.7	11.7
Durable Goods	40.3	41.1	42.1	7.6	7.9	8.4	2.0	1.9	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products ^{2/}	12.7	13.3	13.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.1	16.5	17.7	6.5	6.7	7.0	1.6	1.6	1.8
Other Durable Goods ^{3/}	11.5	11.3	11.1	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.3
Nondurable Goods	71.8	71.9	71.1	10.9	10.7	10.2	9.5	9.8	9.5
Food and Kindred Products	9.4	9.2	10.1	2.6	2.5	2.4	1.1	1.2	1.4
Textile Mill Products	8.0	8.2	8.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.9	1.5
Apparel	5.0	5.0	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	18.3	18.3	18.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.7
Leather and Leather Products	21.8	21.9	20.1	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.7	3.6	3.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	(18.4)	(18.5)	(16.8)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(3.5)	(3.4)	(3.0)
All Other	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.3)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.3)
Other Nondurable Goods ^{4/}	9.3	9.3	10.0	4.9	4.8	4.5	2.6	2.5	2.6
Total Nonmanufacturing	296.6	296.1	293.0	73.8	73.2	70.5	23.1	22.9	22.8
Contract Construction	15.8	14.8	15.8	3.4	3.3	3.3	1.0	1.0	1.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.6	18.6	18.2	5.3	5.3	5.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	83.9	83.8	83.1	24.7	24.4	23.0	8.2	8.2	8.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	16.5	16.5	16.1	7.6	7.6	7.1	1.6	1.6	1.5
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	77.3	77.2	74.2	19.5	19.3	18.6	7.7	7.5	7.6
Government	84.5	85.2	85.6	13.3	13.3	13.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
Federal	(18.2)	(18.4)	(17.8)	(1.4)	(1.3)	(1.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local ^{5/}	(66.3)	(66.8)	(67.8)	(11.9)	(12.0)	(12.0)	(3.1)	(3.1)	(3.1)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

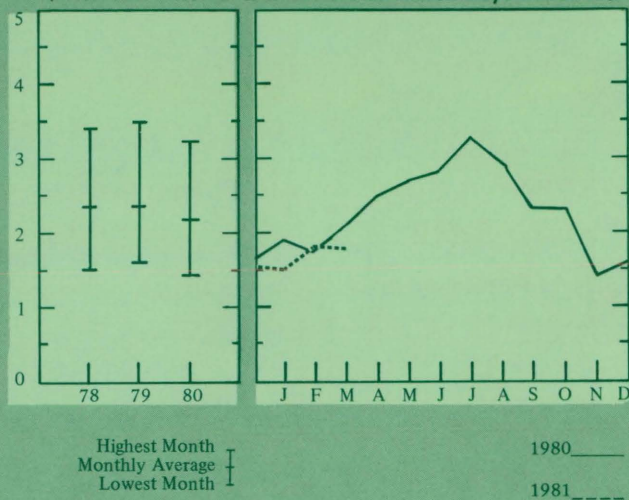
^{1/} Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. ^{2/} Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. ^{3/} Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. ^{4/} Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. ^{5/} Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication.

New Applications For Work in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1980	1979	1978
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$260.58	\$257.20	\$229.70	40.4	40.0	39.4	\$6.45	\$6.43	\$5.83	\$6.00	\$5.42	\$4.91
Durable Goods	275.26	271.22	240.60	40.9	40.3	40.1	6.73	6.73	6.00	6.27	5.61	5.13
Lumber and Wood Products ..	259.72	259.37	231.45	40.9	40.4	39.7	6.35	6.42	5.83	6.08	5.49	5.02
Metals and Machinery	258.56	256.48	227.45	40.4	40.2	40.4	6.40	6.38	5.63	5.87	5.27	4.92
Other Durable Goods	319.90	308.66	273.23	41.6	40.4	40.3	7.69	7.64	6.78	7.09	6.26	5.63
Nondurable Goods	251.83	249.38	222.51	40.1	39.9	38.9	6.28	6.25	5.72	5.85	5.31	4.79
Food and Kindred Products ...	203.42	200.54	179.14	37.6	37.0	35.9	5.41	5.42	4.99	5.01	4.65	4.25
Textile Mill Products	218.59	205.73	193.05	43.2	41.9	40.9	5.06	4.91	4.72	4.79	4.40	4.03
Apparel	180.19	180.48	149.64	37.0	37.6	34.4	4.87	4.80	4.35	4.49	4.15	3.83
Paper and Allied Products ...	403.61	404.06	363.55	45.4	45.4	45.5	8.89	8.90	7.99	8.31	7.44	6.71
Leather and Leather Products .	183.60	181.50	163.66	36.5	36.3	35.5	5.03	5.00	4.61	4.72	4.23	3.88
Other Nondurable Goods	221.70	218.79	197.17	39.1	39.0	37.7	5.67	5.61	5.23	5.23	4.80	4.25
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	244.92	245.94	219.74	39.0	39.1	39.1	6.28	6.29	5.62	5.85	5.32	4.94
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	205.80	202.50	190.64	37.9	37.5	37.9	5.43	5.40	5.03	5.08	4.66	4.18

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	265.1	263.2	239.8	258.4
Percent Change for Past Month				+ 0.7
Percent Change from Last December				+ 2.6
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago				+10.6

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA <u>1/</u>	LABOR FORCE <u>2/</u>			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE- Statewide	487.1	480.1	480.8	444.4	438.4	442.0	42.7	41.7	38.8	8.8	8.7	8.1
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	42,100	41,700	40,200	39,200	38,800	37,500	2,900	2,900	2,700	6.9	7.0	6.7
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	30,500	30,200	29,400	27,800	27,600	27,300	2,700	2,600	2,100	8.9	8.6	7.1
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	38,400	37,400	38,400	34,800	34,400	35,100	3,600	3,000	3,300	9.4	8.0	8.6
Portland SMSA	90,200	88,500	87,200	84,100	82,600	82,200	6,100	5,900	5,000	6.8	6.7	5.7
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	28,520	28,090	28,740	25,990	25,600	26,450	2,530	2,490	2,290	8.9	8.9	8.0
Bath-Brunswick	21,040	20,550	21,000	19,710	19,090	19,780	1,330	1,460	1,220	6.3	7.1	5.8
Belfast	9,990	10,010	10,370	8,460	8,360	8,890	1,530	1,650	1,480	15.3	16.5	14.3
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset . .	6,220	6,260	6,110	5,540	5,450	5,480	680	810	630	10.9	12.9	10.3
Calais-Eastport	14,930	14,600	15,190	13,010	12,640	13,090	1,920	1,960	2,100	12.9	13.4	13.8
Caribou-Presque Isle	19,850	19,640	18,950	17,960	17,690	16,710	1,890	1,950	2,240	9.5	9.9	11.8
Central Penobscot	4,490	4,360	4,290	4,170	4,080	4,040	320	280	250	7.1	6.4	5.8
Dover-Foxcroft	6,640	6,560	6,340	6,140	6,090	5,930	500	470	410	7.5	7.2	6.5
Ellsworth	17,680	17,380	17,920	15,610	15,330	15,900	2,070	2,050	2,020	11.7	11.8	11.3
Farmington	12,550	12,320	12,400	11,520	11,430	11,570	1,030	890	830	8.2	7.2	6.7
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,350	4,250	4,110	3,820	3,770	3,540	530	480	570	12.2	11.3	13.9
Greenville	1,220	1,280	1,310	1,100	1,180	1,210	120	100	100	9.8	7.8	7.6
Houlton	4,550	4,470	4,500	4,030	3,990	3,960	520	480	540	11.4	10.7	12.0
Lincoln-Howland	5,330	5,230	5,290	4,850	4,860	4,920	480	370	370	9.0	7.1	7.0
Livermore Falls	5,130	5,040	5,070	4,500	4,410	4,500	630	630	570	12.3	12.5	11.2
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,490	4,420	4,450	4,000	3,900	3,910	490	520	540	10.9	11.8	12.1
Mechanic Falls	2,450	2,400	2,570	2,170	2,120	2,330	280	280	240	11.4	11.7	9.3
Millinocket-East Millinocket . .	5,870	5,820	5,650	5,600	5,570	5,400	270	250	250	4.6	4.3	4.4
Patten-Island Falls	2,340	2,280	2,470	1,980	1,980	2,160	360	300	310	15.4	13.2	12.6
Rockland	15,710	15,650	16,150	13,990	13,820	14,550	1,720	1,830	1,600	10.9	11.7	9.9
Rumford	20,770	20,860	20,850	18,840	19,020	19,270	1,930	1,840	1,580	9.3	8.8	7.6
Sebago Lake Region	10,310	10,220	10,300	9,310	9,260	9,470	1,000	960	830	9.7	9.4	8.1
Skowhegan	18,760	18,710	18,590	16,830	16,740	16,710	1,930	1,970	1,880	10.3	10.5	10.1
Kittery-York	14,770	14,340	14,770	14,060	13,570	14,170	710	770	600	4.8	5.4	4.1
Southwest Penobscot	6,960	6,900	7,040	5,990	5,880	6,130	970	1,020	910	13.9	14.8	12.9
Waterville	20,950	20,780	21,280	19,370	19,250	19,890	1,580	1,530	1,390	7.5	7.4	6.5
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,589.7	1,590.8	1,592.2	1,491.9	1,481.9	1,502.6	97.8	108.9	89.6	6.2	6.8	5.6
Massachusetts	2,942.0	2,947.0	2,837.0	2,759.0	2,759.0	2,687.0	183.0	188.0	150.0	6.2	6.4	5.3
New Hampshire	n/a	454.0	449.7	n/a	429.9	430.9	n/a	24.1	18.8	n/a	5.3	4.2
Rhode Island	464.5	462.9	456.0	426.2	422.7	421.6	38.3	40.2	34.4	8.2	8.7	7.5
Vermont	247.5	249.1	244.7	230.3	230.7	228.8	17.2	18.4	15.9	7.0	7.4	6.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES.	n/a	5,703.8	5,579.6	n/a	5,324.2	5,270.9	n/a	379.6	308.7	n/a	6.7	5.5
UNITED STATES ^{3/}	105,405	104,808	103,351	97,318	96,383	96,546	8,087	8,425	6,805	7.7	8.0	6.6

Area Definitions

LMA - Labor Market Area

SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Footnotes

^{1/} Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

^{2/} Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

^{3/} National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partial)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	17,300	17,759	16,420	2,190	2,377	2,043	1,591	1,364	1,511
Insured Unemployment Rate *.	4.4	4.5	4.2	2.8	3.0	2.7	4.7	4.0	4.5

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	7.4	7.1	8.1
Clerical and Sales	13.1	12.3	12.3
Service	9.1	9.4	8.6
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	4.5	3.0	4.4
Processing	5.3	5.4	5.2
Machine Trades	6.8	7.5	6.3
Benchwork	4.5	4.9	6.0
Structural Work	27.8	30.2	28.9
Miscellaneous	21.5	20.2	20.2

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	52.7	50.4	65.5
Under 22	9.0	9.4	9.7
22-24	3.2	1.1	13.4
25-34	37.9	39.0	33.9
35-39	2.6	0.9	8.5
Total 40 and Over	47.3	49.6	34.5
40-44	16.7	19.3	7.2
45-54	14.3	13.5	13.5
55-64	11.8	12.2	10.5
65 and Over	4.5	4.6	3.3

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

CONSTRUCTION AND MANUFACTURING ACCOUNTED FOR A MAJORITY OF THE LAYOFFS. APPROXIMATELY 29.6 PERCENT OF THE CLAIMANTS WERE SEPARATED FROM CONSTRUCTION AND 33.6 PERCENT WERE SEPARATED FROM A MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY. MALES COMPRISED A MAJORITY OF THOSE SEPARATED FROM ALL OF THE MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISIONS EXCEPT RETAIL TRADE AND FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE.

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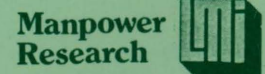
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